

Smokey Bear, USFS Chief Thomas Tidwell, and Regional Forester Randy Moore were photographed riding on a wagon in the Rose Parade, 01/01/15.

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Note: Report changes/updates are in blue



Significant Events - National

2 officers, suspect shot in W.Va. highway shootout

(AP) The two Lewisburg officers pulled over an SUV on a highway outside of the city. The SUV had a North Carolina license plate that showed it had been stolen. During the stop, a truck pulled over in the area. As the officers were conducting the stop, the driver of the truck shot at them with a handgun, wounding both officers, Baylous said. One officer returned fire, wounding the suspect in the leg. Baylous said the driver of the SUV fled the scene and hid but later turned himself in without incident. The driver of the truck also fled and was eventually taken into custody by the Greenbrier County Sheriff's Department. The two Lewisburg officers and the suspected shooter were being treated for injuries that were not life-threatening.

Mario Cuomo, Ex-New York Governor, Dies at 82

(NY Times) Mario M. Cuomo, the three-term governor of New York who commanded the attention of the country with a compelling public presence, a forceful defense of liberalism and his exhaustive ruminations about whether to run for president, died on Thursday at his home in Manhattan. His family confirmed the death, which occurred only hours after Mr. Cuomo's son Andrew M. Cuomo was inaugurated in Manhattan for a second term as governor.

Oil storage tanks in North Dakota catch fire; no injuries

(Reuters) More than 1,600 barrels of crude were ablaze just south of Williston, N.D., on Thursday after storage tanks caught fire while trucks were delivering oil, but no one was injured and officials said they intend to let the blaze die out. The tanks are just across the street from a major Enbridge Inc crude oil facility. That facility did not appear to have been damaged, despite initial concerns it had been affected.

Significant Events - International

Thousands of Ukraine nationalists march in Kiev

(AFP) Thousands of Ukrainian nationalists held a torchlight procession across Kiev on Thursday in honor of a 1940s anti-Soviet on what would have been Stepan Bandera's 106th birthday. Bandera was the ideological patron of resistance fighters who fought alongside invading German forces during World War II to help fend off Kremlin rule. Ukrainian President Petro Poroshenko made a New Year vow to defeat the "cruel-hearted foe" now fighting government forces in the Russian-speaking east.

Syria's war 'killed 76,021' in 2014

(Al Jazeera) The Syrian Observatory for Human Rights said on Thursday 33,278 civilians were killed last year in the conflict, which started with protests in 2011 and has spiraled into a civil war. The majority of the deaths were combatants, including nearly 32,747 anti-government fighters and 22,627 government soldiers and militiamen, it said.

Italy rescues two ships carrying hundreds of migrants

(Al Jazeera) A ship carrying hundreds of migrants has been abandoned by its crew in rough seas in the Mediterranean Sea off Italy's south coast, in the second such incident in three days, the Italian coast guard said on Friday. Guardsmen managed to take control of the vessel, the Ezadeen, after landing on it by helicopter, a statement said. Facing difficult weather conditions, they are trying to take the vessel to an Italian port. Italy has had to deal with a massive surge in migrants in recent years — many of them from the Middle East and the Horn of Africa — hoping to reach Europe by boat. The cargo ships usually carry mostly Syrian refugees, according to a representative for the United Nations refugee agency, but also include people from other countries, including some fleeing fighting in Iraq.

Sri Lanka flash floods cause deadly havoc

(Al Jazeera) Flash floods and mudslides in Sri Lanka have killed at least 39 people and more than one million have had to flee their homes in the past two weeks, data from the country's Disaster Management Centre show. At least another 20 people have been injured and two are still missing after torrential rain, mostly in central Sri Lanka, the data show. Thousands of hectares of crops, mainly the food staple rice, have been destroyed in the agricultural heartland of the North Central and Eastern provinces.

City of Avalon High Wind Event, Los Angeles County

- On 12/31/14 at 0130 hours the City of Avalon went through a high wind and tide event. Avalon reported significant damage to the Avalon Harbor to the Los Angeles County OES. The City of Avalon continues to assess the damage and impacts and is in contact with the Los Angeles County OES to provide updates.
- Approximately 25 boats were reported to be torn from their mornings and fuel spills and debris has been reported in the water. The local Avalon Fire Department is not requesting any additional resources.
- Los Angeles County OES has requested their Disaster Mutual Aid Coordination (DMACs) to canvas their cities and to determine the extent of the damage.
- The US Coast Guard conducted an aerial recon at 0700 hours on 12/31/14 and additional damage on the island may surface. Infrastructure from the storm surge appears light so far, though may be revised as assessments continue. Local beaches are closed due to debris flow.
- Cal OES Duty Officers continue to monitor the situation.

Weather of Concern

• With clear skies, light winds, and a cold, dry air mass still in place, another cold morning is on tap for today. Temperatures by early tomorrow morning will be similar to those from this morning. Although overnight lows tonight are expected to be slightly warmer than on Thursday night, many interior locations are still expected to see temperatures drop to freezing or below freezing by sunrise this morning. Some of the colder interior valleys may see several hours of freezing temperatures.

Active Weather Warnings, Watches and Advisories by County: http://www.wrh.noaa.gov/sto/brief/wwa_bc_cal.php

Cal EOC Incident – 2014 Drought

SOC / Inland REOC remains activated in support of 2014 Drought



Regional Cold Weather Activities

Cal OES Inland Region

The Cal OES Law Duty Officer confirms that there have been two deaths in Butte County as a result of falling trees in the wind event.

- OA Activations
 - Butte County: Is at Level 1 EOC activation, providing public information and if needed, evacuation center support.
- Evacuation Centers
 - · Butte County
 - The Red Cross coordinated an evacuation center at the Paradise Ridge Senior Center, 877 Nunnelly Rd., Paradise.
- Evacuation Shelters
 - · Butte County
 - At 1800 hours on 12/30/14, a shelter opened at the Paradise Alliance Church, 6491 Clark Road, Paradise, Butte County.
- Warming Centers
 - Several centers have been opened as needed.
- Recovery
 - IDE teams have deployed with reports of 27 damaged homes/structures.

Cal OES Coastal Region

The Coastal Region staff surveyed their counties regarding any cold weather planning activities, activations, and opening warming centers or shelters.

- OA Activations
 - · None reported.
- Shelters
 - Napa County
 - The Hope Center: The Hope Center provides basic services to homeless individuals. It also serves as an entrance point for all three homeless shelters.
 - Samaritan Family Shelter: The Samaritan Family Center provides temporary shelter for families with children. Persons needing help must register at the Hope Center.
 - South Napa Shelter: The South Napa Shelter is a clean and sober shelter for individuals 18 years and older. Persons needing help must register at the Hope Center.
 - Winter Shelter: The Winter Shelter is open from mid-November through mid-April. Individuals seeking shelter must register at the Hope Center.
 - San Mateo
 - The San Mateo County Human Services Agency activated their emergency shelter beds and voucher program.

Regional Cold Weather Activities

Cal OES Coastal Region

- Shelters
 - Santa Cruz
 - The City of Santa Cruz has the Armory open to shelter citizens from the cold.
 - · San Benito
 - The City of Hollister maintains a homeless shelter at, 3239 Southside Rd. This shelter remains open from November through March. Citizens may also contact 2-1-1 within all counties to request assistance.
 - Sonoma
 - The OA has extended their "Code Blue" Cold Weather Response advisory through Saturday, 01/03/15. The advisory requests that all homeless service agencies expand beds and open warming facilities, consistent with the Homeless Winter Weather Response Plan. The latest information on shelters and donations needs can be obtained through 2-1-1 and the Catholic Charities' Cold Weather Hotline at (707)800-2927.
 - Humboldt
 - Redwood Coast Community Action Agency, 24-hour Youth Services for Runaways/Homeless children, Eureka.
 - Women and Children Shelter, Winter-night house, open seven Days a week, Eureka.
 - Eureka Rescue Mission for Men only (55 men), open seven days a week starting at 1730 hours, Eureka.
 - If they run out of room at the Eureka Rescue Mission, they will open St. Vincent De Paul's Center, Eureka.
 - Arcata House Partnership Annex, a night shelter, will have screenings in the mornings with check in at 1530 hours. The
 Arcata Night Shelter is a 20 bed emergency shelter facility for single adults. There are separate dorms designated for
 women and for men. The shelter is in operation 365 days a year. Their DHHS stated that citizens/including homeless
 individuals may call 2-1-1 for services.
 - There is a Winter Shelter Program available on a first come, first service that opens daily at 0900 hours to accept families and elderly.
 - Mendocino
 - Ukiah Valley Conference Center, open from 0800 1700 hours, Ukiah.
 - · There is also a Shelter in Fort Bragg.
 - Solano
 - There are various shelter options available in Solano County. Information can be accessed at: http://www.shelterlistings.org/county/ca-solano-county.html



Regional Cold Weather Activities

Cal OES Coastal Region

- Warming Centers
 - Contra Costa County: Trinity Center activated an emergency response.
 - San Mateo County: Intends to open warming centers.
 - Santa Clara County: Through Sunday, the Boccardo Reception Center will remain open 24 hours for homeless seeking relief from the cold. Santa Clara County's largest cold weather shelter in Gilroy is also extending its hours, allowing homeless to stay from 1800 until 0800 hours.
 - Monterey
 - · The City of Salinas has established a Warming Center at Lincoln St.
 - Napa
 - Town of Yountville has opened a warming center located at 6516 Washington St.

Cal OES Southern Region

- OA Activations
 - No OAs anticipate activating EOCs for the projected storm this week.
- Evacuations
 - Riverside County
 - San Jacinto / Hemet Valley: Mandatory evacuations, effective at 0900 hours on 12/30/14 have been ordered for residents at the ten unit Valley View Apartment complex at 20520 Highway 79 due to the threatening storm on 12/30-12/31 2014. The owner of the property was able to accommodate the renters. There were no requests for state assistance.

WEATHER

WEATHER SYNOPSIS BY REGION:

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA AND CENTRAL COASTAL AREAS:

Eureka Weather:

Mostly dry conditions are expected through early next week as a ridge aloft diverts storms away from the North Coast. Temperatures will gradually moderate through the weekend into next week. An approaching cold front will bring the next decent opportunity for wet weather mid next week.

Medford Weather:

An upper ridge will very gradually slide east over the weekend resulting in a continuation of dry weather through the middle of next week. Temperatures will not change much over the weekend as the high builds, but then mid-level temperatures will surge early next week with the ridge overhead.

Reno Weather:

High pressure will build and persist into next week, bringing light winds, strong valley inversions and limited mixing. Stagnant conditions will result in decreasing air quality. Temperatures will be slightly below average today for lower valleys before warming to above average by Sunday.

San Francisco Weather:

A cool and dry air mass will result in cold low temperatures once again this morning, mainly in the interior valleys. Freezing temperatures are possible once again late tonight and Saturday morning. An upper level ridge will build during the weekend and result in gradual warming. Dry weather is expected to persist into the early part of next week with rain chances developing by late Wednesday or Thursday.

WEATHER

WEATHER SYNOPSIS BY REGION:

CENTRAL CALIFORNIA AND SOUTHERN SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY

Sacramento Weather:

Dry weather will continue over the next several days. Expect a cold morning today with overnight lows and daytime highs warming slowly through early next week. A chance of precipitation is expected mid to late next week.

Hanford Weather:

Dry weather can be expected across the Central California interior for the next several days as a ridge of high pressure slowly builds into the state. A day to day warming trend will bring temperatures well above seasonal normals early next week. Frosty starts the next couple of mornings in the San Joaquin Valley will be replaced by areas of night and morning fog Sunday through Wednesday as the air mass stagnates.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA:

Los Angeles Weather:

Sub-freezing temperatures for tonight into Saturday morning can be expected. Daytime temperatures will finally warm to normal on Sunday with a few degrees of warming each day through mid-week. The ridge will exit and another trough may lower temperatures with a very slight chance of light rain for San Luis Obispo County late next week.

Extreme Southwestern California Including Orange, San Diego, Western Riverside and Southwestern San Bernardino Counties:

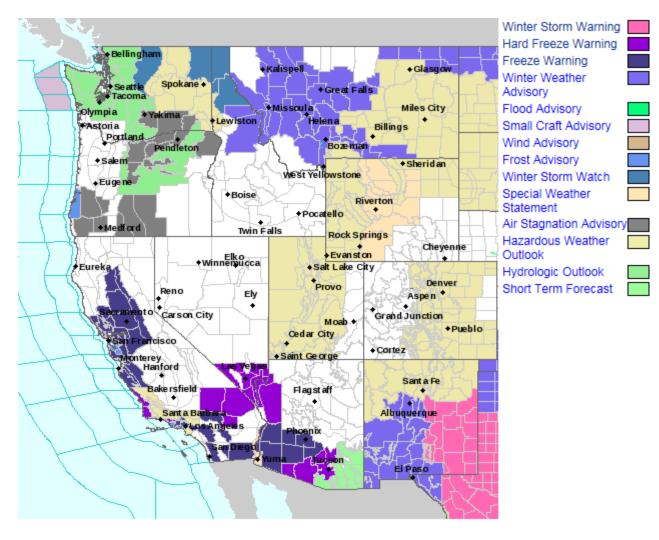
Cool again today with widespread frost and freezing conditions inland this morning. Slow warming through the weekend as the upper level ridge rebuilds followed by more significant warming and periods of locally moderate offshore flow for the early to middle part of next week. Cooler temperatures with onshore flow will return late next week as an upper trough moves by to the north.

Southeast California Weather:

Mostly clear and dry conditions are expected through the weekend as high pressure builds off the coast. Temperatures will steadily climb over the next few days eventually reaching normal by Sunday. High pressure will then move into the west early next week resulting in even warmer conditions.



STATE WEATHER MAP



Last map update: Jan, 2nd 2015 at 6:17:36 am MST

FIRE ACTIVITY

Preparedness Levels

National Preparedness Level 1

Northern California

Preparedness Level 1, Multi-Agency Coordination System MACS Mode 1

Southern California

Preparedness Level 2, Multi-Agency Coordination System MACS Mode 2

California Fire Potential & Weather Maps

Southern California 7 Day Significant Fire Potential

http://psgeodata.fs.fed.us/7day/action/forecast/8

Northern California 7 Day Significant Fire Potential

http://psgeodata.fs.fed.us/7day/action/forecast/10

California Fire Weather Map Watches and Warnings

http://www.wrh.noaa.gov/firewx/main.php

NWS California River Forecast Center:

http://www.cnrfc.noaa.gov/



RECOVERY ACTIVITIES

Boles Incident Vegetation Fire- City of Weed, Siskiyou County

Recovery Activities

Public Assistance

- On 10/06/14, the Governor issued Executive Order (EO) B-27-14, which provides CDAA, and debris removal assistance, including the suspension of rules and regulations impacting debris removal. The EO also provides the ability for nonprofit organizations to seek reimbursement for extraordinary activities through the State Private Nonprofit Organizations Assistance Program. As of 12/05/14, all debris removal operations are complete.
- On 10/28/14, the City of Weed reestablished water pressure to its downtown area; however, the water storage capacity for fire suppression is still lacking. The City expects water storage to be restored by 12/31/14, or sooner if the weather permits.

Individual Assistance

- On 10/01/14, the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) approved a disaster declaration making SBA assistance available in the primary County of Siskiyou and the contiguous counties of Del Norte, Humboldt, Modoc, Shasta, and Trinity, making low-interest federal disaster loans available to homeowners, renters, businesses of all sizes and private nonprofit organizations whose property was damaged or destroyed by the Boles Fire. The application deadline for property damage was 12/01/14. The deadline to return economic injury applications is 07/01/15.
- The Cal OES VAL continues to coordinate and participate in Long Term Recovery Group (LTRG) meetings with NGO, Faith Based, and local agencies. Shasta Community Foundation was identified as a fiscal agent for the group. Individuals needing assistance should be directed to the Family & Community Resource Center of Weed located at 260 Main Street, Weed. Funding organizations will assist with unmet needs through the case management process. The VAL continues to work with the Weed LTRG in identifying resources and gaps in services.
- The College of the Siskiyou's website contains a Fire Resource List of various local agencies offering goods and services. The
 document can be found at http://www.siskiyous.edu/humanresources/documents/fireresourcelist.pdf. Additional information on
 recovery efforts can be found at https://weed.recovers.org/.

RECOVERY ACTIVITIES

Magnitude 6.0 Earthquake, American Canyon, Napa County

- Cal OES and FEMA announced that the Major Disaster declaration for the South Napa earthquake will also include the Individuals and Households Program under the Stafford Act. This amendment makes assistance available to help homeowners and renters recover from the earthquake.
- As a result of President Obama's major disaster declaration, the U.S. Small Business Administration declared Napa and Solano
 counties, making residents and business owners eligible to apply for low-interested physical loss disaster loans. This declaration also
 made available low-interest Economic Injury Disaster Loans (EIDL) for businesses to apply in the primary counties of Napa and
 Solano, as well as the contiguous counties of Contra Costa, Lake, Sacramento, Sonoma, and Yolo.

Recovery Activities

Public Assistance

- RPA: 63 RPAs were received and 10 have withdrawn for a total of 53 RPAs submitted to FEMA.
- Kickoff Meeting: 53 Kickoff Meetings have been completed of which 3 applicants have withdrawn; one kickoff meeting is scheduled for the first week of January leaving 2 remaining to be scheduled once through FEMA's review queue. It is currently anticipated all kickoff meetings will be complete by 1/7/2015.
- PW: 215 PWs are anticipated to be written as a result of the Napa Earthquake. Currently, 75 PWs are drafted, 48 PWs have been entered into the federal database system, 45 of which have been obligated.

Individual Assistance

- The FEMA and State VAL continue to work with nonprofit organizations in Napa County regarding Long Term Recovery efforts.
 The Napa Earthquake Recovery Group, aka, eNERGy will be holding a general meeting on December 18, 2014.
- Cal OES IA Voluntary Agency Liaison (VAL) continues NGO coordination in Solano County. The Vallejo Earthquake Recovery Group (VERG), a long term recovery group, has formed and has established by-laws and elected an Executive Board. United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) will provide case management training to local organizations in Napa and Solano counties.
- The registration deadline for individuals and businesses to request FEMA and SBA assistance closed on Monday, 12/29/14.
- Assistance Centers The SBA Disaster Loan Outreach Center (DLOC) in Vallejo closed at the end of the business day on Tuesday, 12/23/14. The Local Assistance Center (LAC) in Napa transitioned to an SBA DLOC on Tuesday 12/30/14. The smaller operation maintains a presence by SBA staff as well as reduced FEMA staffing. Hours of operation are 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday (closed 01/01/15).

RECOVERY ACTIVITIES

2014 Statewide December Winter Storms

On 12/22/14, Governor Brown declared a State of Emergency in Marin, Mendocino, San Mateo, and Ventura Counties as a result of the statewide storms impacting California. At this time, Cal OES Regions and Recovery continue to work closely with all impacted operational areas to assess the impacts, losses, and costs of the December Winter Storm.

Recovery Activities

Public Assistance

- IDE field validations have been completed in Tehama and San Mateo Counties.
- IDE field validations are being performed in Sonoma County.
- IDE field validations are scheduled as follows:

Marin County 01/06/15 Lake County 01/06/15

Individual Assistance

- On behalf of the Governor, the Cal OES Director requested SBA to declare San Mateo County a disaster area.
- A Local Assistance Center (LAC) will be established for residents and business owners to apply for assistance at the South San Francisco Parking Structure located at 329 Miller Avenue, SSF. If SBA declares, it will operate a Disaster Loan Outreach Center (DLOC) at the LAC location and will continue as needed. LAC hours of operation are Monday, 01/05/15, and Tuesday, 01/06/15, 9 a.m. – 6 p.m.
- On 12/29/14, a joint damage assessment was conducted by SBA, Cal OES, and the County Tehama as a result of the December Winter Storms. As a result of the assessment, a letter requesting SBA to declare Tehama County a disaster area was prepared.

CAL OES 2014 DROUGHT

Cal EOC Incident – 2014 Drought

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- The SOC, Inland, Coastal, and Southern REOCs and the Santa Barbara County EOC are activated in support of the Drought State of Emergency and continue to monitor the situation.
- The Governor issued an Executive Order on 09/19/14, to streamline relief efforts for families with drinking water shortages due to drought. Specifically, through the California Disaster Assistance Act, to provide temporary water supplies to households without water for drinking and/or sanitation purposes.
- CDAA 2014 Drought Fact Sheet and Frequently Asked Questions provided to Regions for reference and distribution.
- Cal OES Recovery continues to coordinate a biweekly state interagency conference call regarding drought community impacts.

CAL OES MISSIONS

New Cal OES Missions

2015-LAW-8176, 1/2/15, Solano County Sheriff's Department is requesting a SAR Helicopter with FLIR and Night Sun for a missing 75 year old male with dementia and diabetes. Sacramento PD had agreed to respond with their helicopter.
 Mission On-going.



Mission:

We protect lives and property, build capabilities, and support our communities for a resilient California.

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